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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed on April 1, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for filing a response to the Office Action expired on July 1, 2004. To extend the time for filing the response to August 1, 2004, a Petition for a one month extension is filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.